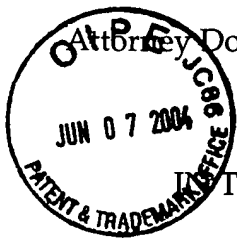


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 02, 2004, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Within the Office Action, Examiner required affirmation of an election of claims 1-26 by phone; therefore, applicant affirms that under 35 U.S.C. § 121, claims 1-26 are elected. Please cancel claims 27-34 without prejudice.

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